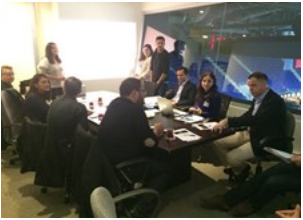


Staff Activities



Dr. Muhammed Şahin from the Department of Civil Engineering gave speeches,

- at the university introduction day to the students of Fen Bilimleri at MEF University on October 14, 2015.
- at the meeting of TAF Network and TÜNİDER at MEF University on October 15, 2015.

Dr. Erhan Erkut from the Department of Industrial Engineering gave speeches/presentations,

- at the meeting of [Startup İstanbul](#) at Lütfi Kırdar Congress Center on October 5, 2015.
- at the Education Day of İzmir American College on October 9, 2015.
- at the Conference of Corporate Entrepreneurship at Swissotel on October 14, 2015.
- entitled “Entrepreneurship: A Career Alternative” at [Crystal Apple Festival](#) at UniQ İstanbul on October 15, 2015.
- at the “Strategic Planning Meeting of Entrepreneurship”, organized by TIM in Sapanca on October 16, 2015.
- at the Career Planning Day of Sakıp Sabancı Anadolu Lisesi on October 23, 2015.
- at the meeting of TAF Network at MEF University on October 28, 2015.

Dr. Erhan Erkut also attended the following meetings:

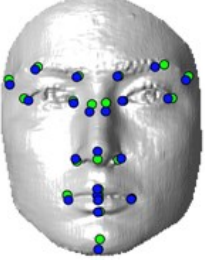
- Meeting organized by Yıldız Technical University Entrepreneurship Club at MEF University on October 26, 2015.
- Meeting organized by E-tohum on Investor/Entrepreneur at Ülker Sports Arena on October 30, 2015.

The Turkish Machinery Exporters Union held interviews with our Mechanical Engineering students Büşra Koç, Semi Razon and Mehmet Ali Ürel together with **Dr. Can Fuat Delale** from the Department of Mechanical Engineering regarding the mission and vision of our Mechanical Engineering Department on October 16, 2015. The interviews were published in the October issue of [Moment-Expo](#), the journal of the Turkish Machinery Exporters Union.

Staff Activities



Dr. Derin Ural from the Department of Civil Engineering attended the Congress of Institutional Evaluation Program in Latvia on October 22-23, 2015. Dr. Derin Ural will run accreditation progress of Europe Universities with Dr. Gülsün Sağlamer, the former Rector of İstanbul Technical University and Dr. Gülay Barbarosoğlu, the Rector of Boğaziçi University.



Dr. Berk Gökberk from the Department of Computer Engineering gave an invited talk entitled "Fundamentals of Face Analysis: From Recognition to Understanding of Faces" to the Computer Engineering graduate students at Boğaziçi University on October 20, 2015.



Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım from the Department of Civil Engineering delivered a presentation to the Civil Engineering Students and Faculty explaining the goals, missions, and member benefits of the American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) on October 23, 2015. The students showed interest to establish as an ASCE Student Chapter and over 30 students registered to ASCE as Student Members within a few days.

Cooperation



The Department of Civil Engineering hosted the first American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Istanbul membership meeting at MEF University on October 23, 2015. The meeting was organized through the ASCE Headquarters in Washington DC, with the mission of establishing an ASCE Istanbul Group. **Dr. Derin Ural**, **Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım**, and **Research Assistant Korhan Deniz Dalgıç** from the Department of Civil Engineering hosted the members and held fruitful deliberations. The future meetings will continue to be hosted at MEF University.

Conference



Dr. Mehmet Fevzi Ünal from the Department of Mechanical Engineering attended the [Conference on Turkish Universities in the European Research Area \(ERA\)](#) at Ankara Hilton Hotel on October 8-9, 2015. The conference has been supported by the European Commission and by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK). While the first day of the Conference emphasized the ERA priority actions adaptable to Turkish Universities and other research institutions, the priority of the second day of the Conference was to raise the awareness of universities, research organizations, industry and researchers on Horizon 2020 funding instruments, which contribute to the functioning of ERA.



The paper entitled "Facial Landmark Localization in Depth Images using Supervised Ridge Descent" by **Dr. Berk Gökberk** from the Department of Computer Engineering has been accepted to the [2015 IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision Workshop](#) on October 16, 2015.

Conference



Dr. A. Serdar Tan from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering participated the [ICT 2015](#) Event, in Lisbon, Portugal on October 20-22, 2015. ICT 2015 is the largest EU event on research and innovation in information and communication technologies organized by European Commission, aiming to present the European Commission's policies and initiatives in the ICT field, with a focus on the new Horizon 2020 Work Program 2016-17, including conference, networking sessions and exhibition.



The paper entitled “Security Analysis of Revocable and Bipartite Biotokens” of **Dr. N. Deniz Sarier** from the Department of Computer Engineering has been accepted to the [IEEE WorldCIS 2015](#) in Dublin, Ireland. The paper was presented live from MEF University via virtual presentation on October 20, 2015.

Publications



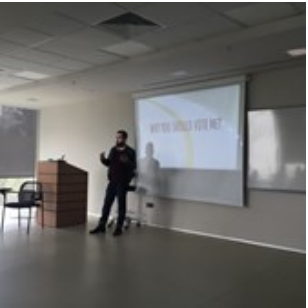
The paper entitled “Kocaeli Earthquake 1999: Lessons Learned” by **Dr. Derin Ural** from the Department of Civil Engineering has been published in [Encyclopedia of Earthquake Engineering](#), Springer Publishing, 2015.

Visits



The Civil Engineering Student Group of MEF University and **Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım** from the Department of Civil Engineering organized a technical trip to Marmaray Laboratory at İTÜ on October 6, 2015. At the Marmaray Lab, the testing engineer Y. Egemen Kesler, M.Sc, delivered a mini lecture to the group to explain the history of Marmaray Laboratory, different types of construction materials tested in this laboratory, the testing equipment and the procedures. The students got exposed to aggregate testing, chemical testing, petrographic analysis and they also observed curing of fresh concrete samples.

Foundation of a Student Group



The Civil Engineering Student Group at MEF University was established by the ASCE student members in October 2015. The establishment of the group was accepted by ASCE Headquarters in Washington DC, and the group will be under probation period to become an ASCE Student Chapter in a year. **Dr. İrem Zevnep Yıldırım** from the Department of Civil Engineering will serve as the Faculty Advisor of this group. Based on the elections held on October 19, 2015, Tolga Atalay will serve as the President, Tark B. Kıymet and Hasan Yılmaz will serve as the Vice Presidents, Serkan Katılmış will serve as the Treasurer, Fatih Peker will serve as the Secretary, Namık B. Akın, Bora Güzel, Deniz Duran, Rengin S. Can, Kaan Bilgin, Kağan Z. Kışmır and Oğuzhan Yılmaz will serve as Event Officers of the Civil Engineering Student Group at MEF University. The events organized by the group will include technical lectures, technical trips, and networking events that will contribute both to the leadership skills of the students and to the continuous learning for the overall civil engineering profession.

Happy News



Twin sons named İsmail & Ercan of **Dr. Serap Kurbiz** from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering were born on October 18, 2015 at Cerrahpaşa Medical School Hospital. We congratulate our dear colleague and her family.